

# GUN USED IN HALL MURDER FOUND; MYSTERY DIARY HITS ACCUSED KIN

## Surprise Witness Rumored on Hand To Aid Simpson

By H. S. DENLINGER

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 18.—A last minute report that a detective sent to Philadelphia by State Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, had at last found the automatic pistol used in killing the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his love-mate, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, the choir singer, caused a wave of excitement in the courtroom of County Judge Frank Cleary today as the prosecutor was about to close his murder case hearing to hold Willie Stevens, eccentric brother of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain pastor, and her cousin, Henry De La Bruyere Carpenter.

This excitement was enhanced by a second report, from Washington, D. C., police, that weather-beaten and fire-scorched diary, containing startling details about the actual killings, had been found in an ashpile in a Maryland suburb and that the book was on its way to Somerville.

### Writer a Secret

The capital authorities refused to reveal the name of the writer, although they did admit the book was in a woman's handwriting. They would not disclose the contents.

When Simpson announced at the noon recess that he expected to conclude his testimony by night-fall, a rumor ran that he would produce a "surprise witness." Partial confirmation of this rumor came when the arrival of an elderly woman, dressed in brown and wearing tortoise-shell glasses, believed to be a Mrs. Lee Hoag, caused Simpson hastily to interrupt an interview with press representatives and hurry her into a private room, where he was closeted with her for some time.

### Heard Four Shots

It is understood one of the things to which she may testify is that she distinctly heard four shots—first one and then three in rapid succession—near the crabapple tree, between 9.30 and 10 p. m., on September 14, 1922, the night of the murders.

The early session was devoted entirely to the partial substantiation of the testimony of Mrs. Gibson, the "pig woman."

Mrs. Almeda Harkins, who once sang in the choir beside Mrs. Mills, told of having seen both her and the slain dominie pass her on East

Continued on Page 6)

## Bloody Clothes of Slain Pair



EVIDENCE EXHIBITED in the Hall-Mills slaying case included blood-stained clothes worn by the pair when they were killed four years ago, shown here under examination by Detective Joseph Hanlon.

## Moore Backs Simpson, Approves Hall Probe

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 18.—Gov. A. Harry Moore is satisfied that a real effort is being made by State Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, to apprehend the guilty parties, and the governor will continue to support Senator Simpson, he said in a letter sent today to the trustees of the New Brunswick Board of Trade.

### MOORES TO GIVE BALL

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 18.—Gov. A. Harry Moore and Mrs. Moore will entertain more than 1,500 persons at the annual gubernatorial ball at Spring Lake Hotel, August 27.

The letter was in reply to a resolution sent him by the board, exploring the "undignified and unethical" manner in which the murder investigation is being conducted.

The governor says, in part:—"In reply to the request contained in the resolution, I find myself constrained by a desire not to tip the scales of justice in either direction. I do not wish to prejudice the rights of those who now stand accused of having foully murdered two citizens of New Jersey."

"However, I cannot accept the statement that the good name of New Brunswick, as well as that of New Jersey has been or is being jeopardized by the manner in which the investigation has been conducted. Nor do I believe that the Board of Trade of New Brunswick is willing to the sentiment expressed



Gov. Moore

## Cop Shot, Wounds Negro In Knife-Razor Battle

Arthur M. Horey, patrolman attached to the West 136th Street station, attempted to stop a razor and knife battle between two negroes at Lenox Avenue and 137th Street today and got a bullet in his right leg for his pains.

Horey, however, shot back and his bullet hit James A. Lawson, the negro who had fired at him in the abdomen.

Both Horey and Lawson are in Harlem Hospital. The former is slightly wounded, the latter may die. Lawson lives at 127 Edgecombe Ave.

### WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

HARBOR SPRINGS, MICH., Aug. 18 (By U. P.).—Mrs. Katherine Scudder Jeff, Chicago society woman and wife of a wealthy real estate broker, was burned to death when fire destroyed her summer cottage yesterday.

## Carroll's Appeal Denies Joyce Hawley's Nude Bath, Tub of Wine, n' Everything

More ado about a bathtub!

Earl Carroll's attorney, Herbert C. Smyth, today filed in Federal Court, Carroll's appeal from a conviction for perjury in telling a Federal grand jury that Joyce Hawley had never, no never, slipped off that "teddy" and stepped into the now famous bathtub-full of alleged wine, or whatever it was.

## Inventor, 60, Wins Own Case; Jailed Again as Forger

Abraham White, 60, who gives his occupation as "inventor" and lives at 100 E. 10th St., N. Y., as his home, acted as his attorney in Special Sessions Court today and won his case.

Charged with defrauding the Hotel Rockefeller, 33 West 51st St., of a \$641.85 bill, he produced a letter from Willard D. Rockefeller, owner of the hotel, granting him "time for payment."

"This is not a criminal case," said the judge. "It is a civil matter. Discharged."

But White did not win freedom. He went back to the Tombs, where he has been for three weeks to await trial in General Sessions for giving an alleged worthless check for \$225 to Rockefeller.

White, in 1907, won notoriety by making \$850,000 on an investment of 45c in stamps by bidding successfully for the \$40,000,000 New York city bond issue.

## Cop Upholds Alibi In Mellett Murder

BUFFALO, Aug. 18 (By U. P.).—Louis Mazer, under arrest in Cleveland in connection with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, has an alibi witness here in Detective Floyd E. Streitenberger of Canton, who says Mazer, whom he describes as a "bootlegger of no account," is innocent of the murder.

Mazer was at my house the night of the killing," Streitenberger said.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 18 (By U. P.).—Questioning of Louis Mazer, held here in the slaying of Don R. Mellett, was resumed today in an effort to break down his alibi. Under questioning last night he became hysterical.

## Ward in a Bottle Turns Up Again

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 18.—Walter S. Ward "has turned up here—in a bottle. Some children found him—or it—on the beach. The note read:—

"Still being held a captive in hell; Fire Island Cottage."

"WALTER S. WARD." Police Chief McGarvey telephoned the find to Ralph Ward, who said he'd be right down from New York. But he didn't come.

### VANITY PROLONGS LIFE

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Women's vanity is aiding them toward longevity, Dr. G. Marvin Smith, dentist, told a group of insurance men. He said women took greater care of their teeth, through the desire to be more attractive, and that led to longer lives.

In highly technical terms peculiar to the legal profession the appeal says that it was no business of the grand jury's whether or not Carroll lied about Joyce's nudeness, since it was investigating reports of liquor being served at the party.

### Weighty Papers

The appeal also says the court should have allowed the motion of the defense to dismiss the indictment, having to do with Joyce and the bathtub after the liquor indictments had been quashed.

Attached to the appeal is a transcript of the hearings with a bill of forty exceptions to court rulings made by Judge Henry W. Goddard.

The appeal papers were bulky, obviously the result of much labor. It is not strange that Earl is asking \$100 each for front row seats at the approaching opening of a new revue.

## DEMANDS LIFE TERMS FOR ATTACKERS OF GIRLS

CHICAGO, Aug. 18 (By U. P.).—Life sentences will be sought for attackers of young girls, who have been active here during the last fortnight, Prosecutor Robert E. Browe announced today, as names of four more victims were added to the list.

Three men are under arrest for attacks last week and two others are sought.

### BATHER'S BODY FOUND

The body of Andrew Johnson, 25, of 9130 19th St., Woodhaven, Queens, who was drowned off the foot of Beach 29th Street, Far Rockaway, last Sunday while bathing, came ashore today.

## Sure Relief

HOME SIZE SAVES MONEY

**BELL'S**  
FOR  
**INDIGESTION**  
HEARTBURN, SOUR STOMACH,  
HEADACHE, DIZZINESS, GAS,  
DISTRESS FROM  
EATING OR DRINKING  
**ACUTE INDIGESTION**

SOLD AND  
GUARANTEED BY EVERY DRUGGIST

(Continued on Page 6)